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Scott shuffled out of cabinet

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott was one of five prominent ministers removed from the Ford government's cabinet in a shuffle last week.

That shuffle comes one year ahead of next June's provincial election.

Scott, first elected MPP in 2003, has served as the province's labour minister, and most recently as infrastructure minister, after the PCs swept to majority victory in the 2018 election.

"I work hard, whether I'm a minister or an MPP," Scott said in response to the shuffle, adding, "Politics is like that."

"I feel I've done a lot in my two portfolios," Scott told the *Echo*. As labour minister, she said she was proud of legislation passed to protect "double-hatters" – full-time firefighters who also serve as volunteer firefighters in their home communities. For years, double-hatters were subject to penalties such as fines or dismissal for serving with more than one department. With changes long-requested by

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Downtown sculpture exhibition returns

Jim Blake (left), curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and one of the leaders behind the Haliburton Downtown Sculpture Exhibition, meets with artist Eric Tardiff (right) to discuss his piece 'Parallel Composition.' The piece is one of six to be featured along the downtown core as part of the 2021 exhibition. For more, see Page 10. /MIKE BAKER staff

Parents write letters to TLDSB advocating for forest school

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

During this past school year, Declan Brown looked forward to Thursday every week.

It's the day of the week that he – a Grade 1 student – went to forest school.

"Being outside helped him tremendously," said his mom, Amey Taylor. "Declan was excited to tell all his family members and friends about the new experiences he learned every week."

Declan is looking forward to attending

public school and the outdoor education program – At Last Forest School – this upcoming year, too, though his parents – Taylor and Darrin Brown – wish the school board would support the choice they think is best for their son.

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Haliburton Foodland owner Brad Park is excited for this week's grand reopening, following months of extensive renovations at the store. /MIKE BAKER staff

Haliburton Foodland set for grand reopening

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Following months of renovations at Haliburton's Foodland, the store is set to host a grand reopening this coming Thursday, June 24.

Local owner Brad Park is excited to show off his new upgraded space to the community.

"This renovation is something that has been in my sight, and in Sobeys [head office] sight for quite some time now. The idea was to give the store a whole new facelift," Park told the *Echo*. "With the renovation we were able to bring in a whole new décor package, new equipment and some new programs. There's been new freezers installed, new coolers, new bunkers. It's been a huge overhaul, basically."

The last of the work – new flooring across much of the store – will be completed early this week.

While many residents have already noticed, and complimented, some of the aesthetic changes, Park says the most popular additions have been the store's new fried chicken program and fresh sushi bar.

"We're not even a full month into the sushi program, but it's been insane to say the least. Our chef, Roy, [has struggled] to keep up with the demand. He's on-site a lot, and makes all of his sushi fresh," Park said. "I haven't heard one negative thing about the sushi counter

– except for when it's empty!"

Given that the store has remained open throughout the renovation, Park thanked both his staff and the community for their patience as work progressed. The project got underway in early April and was expected to be finished within a few weeks, but, as with most things over the past 16 months, the COVID-19 pandemic threw a spanner into the works.

This project marks the first extensive renovation since Foodland was built in 2000. The store received some minor upgrades in 2013. All costs for this latest project were covered by the corporate office, Park noted.

Now that most of the work has been completed, many residents have commented about how the store feels bigger.

"It's definitely a fresh new look, but most of the feedback I've heard from customers – they all say that they think the store has gotten bigger. Obviously the footprint hasn't changed, but we've moved things around, we cut four feet off every aisle and that helped us gain space horizontally," Park said. "We managed to pull off getting more things into the aisles, but also opening up the front of the store. There's so much more room now."

There will be a special ceremony on Thursday marking the grand reopening, where Park will be making a presentation to Point in Time for \$1,000 to support the organization's programming.

Canadian Blood Services to discontinue local donation clinics

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Canadian Blood Services will be hosting one final blood donation clinic in Haliburton next month before pulling out of the community for good.

The news was delivered last week by Jennifer Mathieu, territory manager for donor relations and collections, who indicated it had become too costly for Canadian Blood Services to operate clinics in the Highlands.

"Our decisions about where we hold these blood donation events are constantly being assessed on a national basis, and they're based on several factors – the number of units we collect, the cost of labour and transportation... To give an example, trucks come from Brampton to go to Haliburton [for the clinics], then once the units are given by donors, another truck comes to pick up the units and take them back to Brampton, so with the distance... it's quite costly," Mathieu said. "We need to assess all of these different factors when we look at where and when we have events to ensure we have an efficient blood system."

The final clinic will take place on July 5 at the Haliburton Legion. The event is fully booked, with 79 individuals already registered to give blood.

There have been many questions asked by local residents on social media in recent weeks, who wondered if those who had received a COVID-19 vaccination shot would be eligible to give blood. Mathieu sought to clear up any confusion.

"There is absolutely no wait time after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination to donate blood. It's 100 per cent safe for you to do so, as well it's 100 per cent safe for the person receiving your donation," Mathieu said.

While Canadian Blood Services is constantly in need of every type of blood, Mathieu notes O-negative is particularly critical given that it's a universal blood type and can be administered to anyone.

Mathieu says the country's blood inventory is stable at present, thanks to the many people, including the 79 registered to do so next month in Haliburton, who continue to donate their blood.

"Something that people may not realize is every 60 seconds in Canada someone needs a blood transfusion," Mathieu noted. "Pandemic or not, there's people fighting various diseases and they still need blood each and every day, so the need for blood remains constant."

With Canadian Blood Services' departure from the community, the closest place Haliburton residents will be able to give blood moving forward is Lindsay or Peterborough.

Parent says forest school is a 'god send' for child, TLDSB refuses to partner

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Parents in Haliburton County wanting their kids enrolled in public school as well as the local forest school program are involved in a letter writing campaign to the school board and school trustee Gary Brohman after the school board said they will not endorse a program that impedes regular student attendance at school.

"TLDSB firmly believes that students need to be in attendance at school five days/week to receive the same curriculum access and assessment opportunities as their peers and classmates," wrote Jen Andreasen, executive assistant to TLDSB director Wes Hahn, to Debbie Val, co-owner of At Last Forest Schools. "One absence per week is the equivalent of a student being absent for 20 per cent of their school year; recurring absences of that frequency result in the student missing foundational lessons and core programming. We encourage full-time attendance for all students across the board, and under the Education Act, are obligated to follow up with any student who is persistently absent in any given school year."

Val has encouraged letters and testimonials from parents, posting that while she can appreciate TLDSB's concern with a child missing instruction, "The forest school environment not only builds a child's confidence in their ability to learn but also consolidates their knowledge. Students organically fill in any gaps in their understanding by asking questions and engaging in hands-on and experiential education. Upon return to the classroom feeling relaxed, confident and ready to take in more information."

At Last Forest Schools began operation in Owen Sound in 2016, and similar programs are also established in Goderich, Kemble Farms, Kincardine, Limehouse, Orangegrove, Saugeen Shores, Saugeen Valley and Wiarton.

Last year when the forest school concept – which has been around since the 1950s - was introduced in Haliburton County by At Last Forest Schools as well as Camp Wanakita, it was so popular that within 48 hours of the online announcement of the At Last school opening, 150 interested people had joined a Facebook group looking for more information, including some parents who had been driving round-trip to Gravenhurst twice a day so their kids could attend an outdoor education program there.

Last September, when students returned to class at public school during the pandemic, however, there was messaging from the school board, said Val, that students could not attend both public school and the outdoor education program as some parents had planned.

"It was suggested that due to the pandemic the school board would not allow children to attend two separate schools," said Val, who co-owns At Last Forest Schools with her husband, Carlin. "We supported and respected that decision. We also felt it was not the year to cause any further stress. It was however a challenge for us and families who recognized what an important resource forest school could have been for their child this year."

Taylor and other parents were told last year by school administration, they said, that they would be reported to the local health unit if they tried to attend more than one school at a time.

"It was a very difficult situation for me to go against the wishes of the school board," said Taylor. "Without them providing knowledge as to why forest school was deemed not to 'provide foundational lessons and core programming,' I couldn't try to understand their views

or agree with the decision that was made with the lack of knowledge towards forest school."

Taylor said she was worried, and so advised the public school Declan also attends that he would be attending forest school each Thursday. She said they repeatedly advised her they would report her and her son to the local health unit. The health unit, however, advised Taylor and Brown that they had no concerns as long as they were following COVID-19 health protocols, according to Taylor.

"It's upsetting, and I feel [the school board has] not done the research required to make this decision," said Taylor. "When they are confronted with questions they fail to respond. As parents we do know what is best for our children, and many children have succeeded further because of [forest school], including Declan."

Other parents also enrolled their students in both public school and forest school anyway.

"During the pandemic the student learning could take place almost as it normally would," said Val of operating forest school during the COVID-19 health crisis. "We are already small ratios (one teacher : six students) and doing the majority of our learning outdoors. We have COVID-19 policies and procedures in place in accordance with the Ministry of Education and the local Ministry of Health. Thankfully, due to the nature of our activities and our outdoor environment we were able to provide the children with some normalcy and a space that nurtured their physical health as well as supported their mental, emotional and social health."

In a letter parent Trish Sweeting-Hogg wrote to the school board regarding TLDSB students attending forest school simultaneously, she said her son, also a Grade 1 student, attended both forest school and regular classes for the past year and thrived as a result.

"His performance at school has not suffered at all with a one day a week absence," she wrote. "If anything it has strengthened his in-class learning. Forest school has helped his mental health, especially during all the chaos that has been in-class learning and bouncing back and forth to online. He has had less outbursts of frustration in-class and at home while attending forest school. With the shutdown of schools these outbursts have returned both online learning and at home."

She plans to enrol him in both schools again.

"The experiences and mental health benefits he gains from attending [forest school] only strengthen his abilities in class and give him even more to contribute to his classroom and peers," said Sweeting-Hogg. "This forest school program has been a godsend to my son and many many others."

Val said she and her husband approached TLDSB in March this year to reintroduce themselves and their school, which takes place at Abbey Gardens and Medeba in West Guilford.

"We included information on how forest schools have been endorsed by school boards across Ontario, that students typically attend one day/week as complementary to public school. We gave examples of how forest school is used as a resource and listed all the ways that children benefit from outdoor learning and smaller group sizes. We offered testimonials and letters from parents, teachers and principals who shared their experience and student success stories. We followed up our letter with a phone call and were eager to answer any questions and/or provide any further information. Unfortunately we

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The hanging baskets of Haliburton

Clay Glecoff and David Zilstra spent the afternoon on Wednesday, June 16 putting up flower hangers in downtown Haliburton. The initiative was organized by the Haliburton BIA to beautify the downtown core. More than 60 baskets were placed along Highland St., York St. and Maple Ave. /MIKE BAKER staff



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Parents calling on TLDSB to embrace 'unique' forest school system

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were briefly told that the school board would not allow it."

Val said the experience has been different with four other school boards that exist in the same area as other At Last Forest Schools in Ontario, noting they work more in partnership with her schools.

"It is wonderful," she said. "We feel like a team of professionals with the child's best interest as our joint focus. We work within our unique strengths to provide the best educational week for the student."

Val said numerous families in the community want their child to access forest school one day a week, while attending public school the other days of the week and through social media has asked families to write letters of support for the school.

"I think if TLDSB was made aware of community concerns it could make a big difference," she said. "I know there are many parents in other districts who couldn't imagine not having the combination of forest school and public school. They have shown their support through written letters, they stand with us in advocating for the children in TLDSB. It is a beautiful way that the forest school community has come together to support their 'extended family'."

Catherine Shedd, district manager of corporate communications, said it "is an unusual request for our students to participate in a privately-run school/program during the school day."

"Forest School is not promoted or sanctioned by TLDSB to take place during the school day," said Shedd. "As we have already stated, TLDSB students need to be in school five days a week to provide them with optimal learning opportunities

and support. This is particularly important this coming school year due to the unusual and challenging school year we have just experienced. We do have ways to help share information with parents about learning opportunities available in the community after school hours or on PA days if the opportunity is a not-for-profit organization. Parents do take their children out of school for short periods of time for a number of reasons such as doctor appointments, etc. and it is their right to do so. However, every time a child misses time in class there is potential learning loss."

Shedden said if a child is not in school they are marked absent.

"The consequence for being out of class, as stated ... is potential learning loss for the child," she said.

While Shedd said she couldn't speak to comments about public health involvement, "[O]ver the last school year our school communities worked hard to keep students in cohorts to avoid the unnecessary risks related to the pandemic. Permitting some students to leave the classroom cohort to join another cohort in a program such as forest school, would be putting all students at higher risk. We believe that the upcoming school year will also have some form of cohorting as part of the back to school plan."

Val said there are other instances in which kids might attend partial public school – noting students who miss classroom instruction regularly for music programs, hockey programs or a specialist high-skills major. In other school boards she has worked with, she said students aren't necessarily marked absent but rather are marked as attending another educational program.

The Ministry of Education policies and guidelines do allow for individuals to

attend a public school on a part-time basis in the elementary and secondary grades," she said. "Such part-time students are defined in government documents as 'pupils who are registered for classroom instruction for an average of less than 210 minutes per school day.'"

Additionally, she said, the Ministry of Education provides funding to boards for students who attend school on a part-time basis, the per-pupil grants being prorated according to the amount of time the student is in attendance at the school.

"I feel hopeful that TLDSB will come to see that we share the same goals for student success and that forest school is simply another resource," said Val. "Many of our students (in other districts) are recommended by teachers, a large number of our participants are the children of public school teachers and principals. I believe educators recognize how outdoor, play-based, child-led, and experiential education can bring learning to life. When this is combined with a passionate teacher in a small group ratio it becomes an opportunity for students to thrive. I feel empowered by local parents who value the opportunity for their child(ren) to access forest school and are advocating on their child's behalf. I feel humbled by the testimonials and letters that are being sent to support the Haliburton Forest School community from parents and teachers from other districts."

Brown wrote a letter to the school board on behalf of his son and Taylor. He acknowledged that 20 per cent of missed time in the classroom is significant, but said, "it needs to be considered that this absenteeism is not the result of parental laziness or just a simple lack of understanding or disregard for the importance of school and academics."

While Brown said his son struggles in some areas at school, including the 'constant routine and regiment,' forest school outdoors has provided an opportunity for learning and instruction in a way that

works for him.

"There are so many lessons to be learned and life skills that cannot be found or taught in your conventional classrooms," wrote Brown. "In this age of technology where everyone is attached to some device, this program allows youngsters to learn, enjoy and appreciate nature the way our generation did. Some of the activities that my son was a part of was picking mushrooms and certain herbs and then using them in a recipe, they learn about hibernation and habitat and learn how to identify certain animal tracks. They also teach students how to use flint for fires and create shelters, which [are] valuable life skills for anyone, and especially an avid outdoorsman which I foresee my son developing into and becoming. Are these not important qualities that children should develop? By being opposed to this form of learning, I think it really portrays a lack of understanding to what 'education' is and should mean for the students of this country."

"We want the school board to conduct research related to forest school and truly see what these children are learning and how it's helping so many," said Taylor. "Other boards have partnered with forest schools for many reasons and TLDSB can't provide any legitimate answers to our questions as to why not?"

Taylor said she wants an agreement to be made.

"Parents who want their children in forest school should be open to working with their children on material they may have missed in [public school] class," she said. "If the decision was based truly on the children missing fundamental information then there are ways we can overcome that."

For more information about At Last Forest Schools, e-mail info@atlastforest-schools.com or visit www.atlastforest-schools.com. For more information about Trillium Lakelands District School Board, visit www.tldsb.ca.

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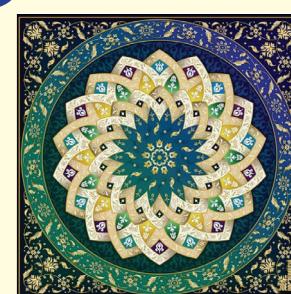
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HHSS student Sophie Longo holds her Certification of Completion after studying Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion learning modules through the high school. The logo for the certificate was designed by student Colleen Petric. Each student who completed most of the modules will be presented with the certificate. / Submitted



Students learn to be allies aware of justice, equity, diversity, inclusion

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A group of students sitting in a classroom became part of an activity resulting in a powerful learning opportunity without even leaving their chairs.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students were instructed to not move from where they sat, while a bucket was placed at the front of the room. Though all sitting at different angles, near and far from the bucket, the students were asked to throw a ball of paper toward it – if they got the ball of paper into the bucket, they scored a point.

"Obviously, students at the front of the room have the advantage, because they are closer," said Jenn Mills, HHSS vice-principal who led the activity. "Great discussion around if it's fair. What would make it more fair? How did you feel about where you were sitting for this activity? How does this relate to privilege and oppression? How can we make levels of privilege more equitable?"

The activity was part of an 18-module program called the J.E.D.I. Program, developed by a team of educators, to help both staff and students at HHSS have the chance to learn more and have greater awareness about justice, equity, diversity and inclusion and consider vocabulary, topics and issues related to those topics that affect their world today.

"We all have more to learn," said Mills. "I know I gained knowledge myself while researching and going through these modules."

The program's mission statement reads: "Justice. Equity. Diversity. Inclusion. [J.E.D.I] learning modules are about creating positive change in our world by increasing awareness and acting to reduce factors that impinge on equal opportunities for everyone regardless of gender, race, class, ability, religion, sexual orientation, identity or circumstance. We aim to create and foster a positive school environment in which each

person's unique set of ideas, beliefs, and skills are valued."

"This isn't separate from the curriculum we are teaching," said Mills. "In fact, Ontario's Equity and Inclusion Strategy document - released over a decade ago - states that classrooms need to be inclusive and students should be able to see themselves in what we teach. By taking this J.E.D.I. journey together, we are laying the groundwork for this to happen now and in the future because we will know the correct vocabulary, have broader views on issues and injustices beyond what we see everyday. Without this knowledge it's hard to embed these issues into the curriculum since some students wouldn't have the background information on certain issues/topics to give them a context to start with."

HHSS educators Karen Gervais, Christine Carr and Amy Klose, alongside some fellow educators, developed the J.E.D.I. program modules to be used by their colleagues during class.

"They included topics that would be significant to students and allowed them to broaden their knowledge base allowing them to see other perspectives," said Mills. "Some of the topics included were race, bias, ethnicity, Indigenous culture, stereotypes, gender, discrimination, human rights, and identity. Our teachers facilitated these lessons through discussions, interactive activities, reflections, powerful and thought-provoking videos, and world events."

Some teachers, she said, made connections between what they were teaching, and the J.E.D.I. lessons.

"For example Ms. Andress - who was supporting the Grade 10 physics class - did some research into science, technology and race," said Mills. "She discovered that automatic sensors for soap or sanitizers don't all recognize coloured skin. This linked into discussion around why and who was creating the technology and doing the testing. If

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Where do they go from here?

I DELIBERATELY WAITED a few weeks to write this column so as to not rub salt into the wounds of Leafs fans in mourning after yet another premature playoff exit.

As it turns out, the victors of that first-round series, the Montreal Canadiens, are doing a fine job of that themselves, defying all expectations and putting up one heck of a fight this post-season. As of press time, the Habs are just six wins away from capturing an unlikely 25th Stanley Cup.

And boy, if that were to occur... A Canadiens win would be enough to make most Leaf's fans heads explode.

And that's because there was a real, tangible feeling that this was the year the Leafs break through their illogical mental block and establish themselves as true post-season powerhouses.

All the stars had aligned. The COVID-19 pandemic meant the Leafs would be competing against Canadian teams only during the regular season – a far cry from the typically gruelling 82-game cross-continent schedule. To make things even better, they would then participate in a sort of play-in style of playoffs against the best of the Canadian teams to see who progresses to the final four.

Many Leafs fans had fooled themselves into thinking their poor post-season performances in recent years was down to luck, or rather bad luck of the draw. If we forget last year's abomination against the Columbus Blue Jackets for a second, in the Leafs' previous four playoff appearances they had been drawn against the Washington Capitals once and the Boston Bruins three times in the opening round.

The Bruins and the Capitals are perennial challengers for the Cup – the Capitals having won it all in 2018 and the Bruins playing in three finals in the past decade – so that argument did have some weight. That was until a few weeks ago when the Leafs once again capitulated, this time to a team

they were heavily backed to beat.

So where does the team go from here? From the sounds of it, it's going to be status quo. Perhaps I was foolish for thinking GM Kyle Dubas or team president Brendan Shanahan would make some sort of statement, saying something needed to change. Instead, they backed the team and indicated they'd have another go next year.

For his part, Dubas has done all that he could possibly do to help the core of this Maple Leafs team – Auston Matthews, Mitch Marner, William Nylander and John Tavares – succeed. He plugged the gap defensively with TJ Brodie and Zach Bogosian last off-season and added much-needed grit and toughness in Nick Foligno at the deadline. None of it mattered.

The crux of the issue is that the Leafs' big-game players have a history of not showing up when it matters most. As great as Marner and Matthews have been over the past four or five regular seasons, they've struggled to inspire their team to victory when all the chips are on the table.

Call me crazy, but I'd test the market on Matthews. He's a bona-fide superstar, yes. But

his value has, arguably, never been higher. Even in a flat-cap world, teams would be lining up around the corner for even a sniff of the recently crowned 'Rocket' Richard Trophy holder. Swapping out Matthews for a package that netted the Leafs three or four really good players could benefit the team in the long run. I recognize it was a different time, and different circumstances, but the Colorado Avalanche seemed to do OK after the organization, then operating as the Quebec Nordiques, sent similarly-heralded superstar Eric Lindros to Philadelphia.

It won't happen. Of course it won't happen. I'd wager that each of the Core Four is in the lineup when the Leafs hit the ice on opening night of the 2021/22 season.

And that same, painful, familiar wheel will keep on turning.

Editorial

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The summer solstice has arrived

by Darren Lum

There's space for all of us

JIM AND I were in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest the other day being filmed for a promotional video about the sculptures. We were chit chatting after the filming with Jim Blake, who is the curator for the forest. Jim and his committee work year round maintaining the sculptures and the land around them, promoting the Sculpture Forest, commissioning new structures and getting them installed.

It is a magical place and we have loved walking in it for over 20 years. We stood chatting to Jim when a middle-aged woman came walking along and stopped to say hello. She overheard the two Jim's talking about golfing this summer, and she joked, asking if she could join them. Of course the two Jim's said yes!

The woman went on to tell us that she lived and worked in downtown Toronto and had come up for the day to have an adventure. She had driven to Minden, to the log chute and was now exploring the Sculpture Forest. She told us a friend had told her about the sculptures 10 years ago, and she had been thinking about visiting ever since then. She was having her own grand adventure and was really enjoying the parts of our county that she was seeing.

Before talking to this woman, Jim and I had been walking in the woods looking at the sculptures and I had been thinking about how much space there is around all of them. It feels open, spacious, peaceful, calm, quiet and relaxing. It's one of the reasons we love walking there. The sculptures add a creative and interesting focus to the walk in nature.

Tales from
the great



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Green meadow

One thing I have learned in my years of doing yoga, meditation, qigong and energy work is that I feel healthier when I pay attention to the space around me, and the space within me. I have learned to pay attention to space, and sometimes when I feel like things are getting intense in life or closing in on me, I find some space. I give the issue or the challenge some space. And then I respond to it.

In the practice of qigong there are three guiding principles that the practice is built on. You can apply these principles to qigong, yoga, walking in the woods, doing the dishes, driving, reading, going for a run or whatever you happen to be doing with your body.

First, relax. Only use what force or tension is required for the activity you are doing. And then soften and relax. Second, make space for your joints. Allow the joints to be like well-oiled hinges. Third, elongate your spine. Essentially, be relaxed and have some inner spaciousness in all of your joints with a nice long spine. Be spacious in your physical body and find space around you when you need it.

Space is something we have an abundance of here in Haliburton and people come to visit us, often seeking space. Our jobs are to hold the space for all the visitors we welcome into our home this summer, and all the tourists who visit!

Let's have a great summer everyone, and make sure you find and create space for yourself as you look after your family, friends, community and the planet!

There is space for all of us!

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points of view

Conspiracy theory

I'M NOT THE kind of guy who puts much faith in conspiracy theories – or at least that's what they want you to believe.

Having said that, I do not buy what they are trying to sell us about why they closed the long-defunct Rotary Park washroom facility many years ago, which if I recall correctly was supposedly because of a potable water issue.

As a hard-hitting humour columnist, my instincts tell me that this doesn't add up. And, after much investigative journalism and speculation, the evidence, I think bears me out.

First off, consider the abandoned site. There are two doorways to what is literally a building that is built like a brick #@\$!house – I call them Exhibit One. The first doorway is bricked right up and the other has a sturdy steel door locked with a heavy-duty padlock. No one is getting in that building. And nothing is getting out. But why?

It seems like a lot of effort to protect people from undrinkable water.

What foul deed lies dormant in that building? And why do they need to protect us from it?

This begs the critical question: who was the last person to use that washroom?

To answer that question, I sat undercover on a nearby park bench looking through eyeholes cut into a copy of last week's *Echo*. And then I inconspicuously watched the old brick #@\$!house. I did this because it is a well-known fact that the guilty person often returns to the scene of the crime.

Several potential suspects sauntered by the building – and here's the curious part – when I approached each of them and casually asked if they ever had awkward, embarrassing or regrettable experiences in that washroom, I was soon escorted out of the park.

Clearly, I was getting too close to the truth.

If that's not enough for you, consider the following.

Exhibit Two: the wonderful outdoor exercise facility built not far from the old brick #@\$!house. On the surface it seems harmless and even beneficial to the community. But anyone who is paying attention knows it is the classic shiny object meant to take our gaze off the cover-up at hand. When you are taking a selfie on an outdoor exercise bike, the last thing you think of is the danger lurking in the nearby brick #@\$!house.

Finally, there is Exhibit Three, the new, less hurricane-proof, wooden privy beside the old one. Ah, give the people what they want, so they don't think about ground zero and whatever abomination lies within.

What does lie beyond that bricked up doorway?

I think we can all agree it must be too horrible for even the most reliable scented candles.

We might never know.

I can't help but think that the truth is out there. And also in there.

Surely, someone witnessed something. And what about the contractors who bricked up the door? Or the person who, through no fault of their own (unless they deliberately ordered the Chernobyl Chicken Wings), decommissioned a public washroom?

To that person I would say, "Don't be so hard on yourself. There isn't a person I know who hasn't decommissioned a washroom at one time or another."

So why cover it up.

Could it be politically embarrassing? It is plausible, especially if it was something explosive.

Look, I'm not sure how high up this cover-up goes. It could go right to the very top, to the Warden's Office, for all I know.

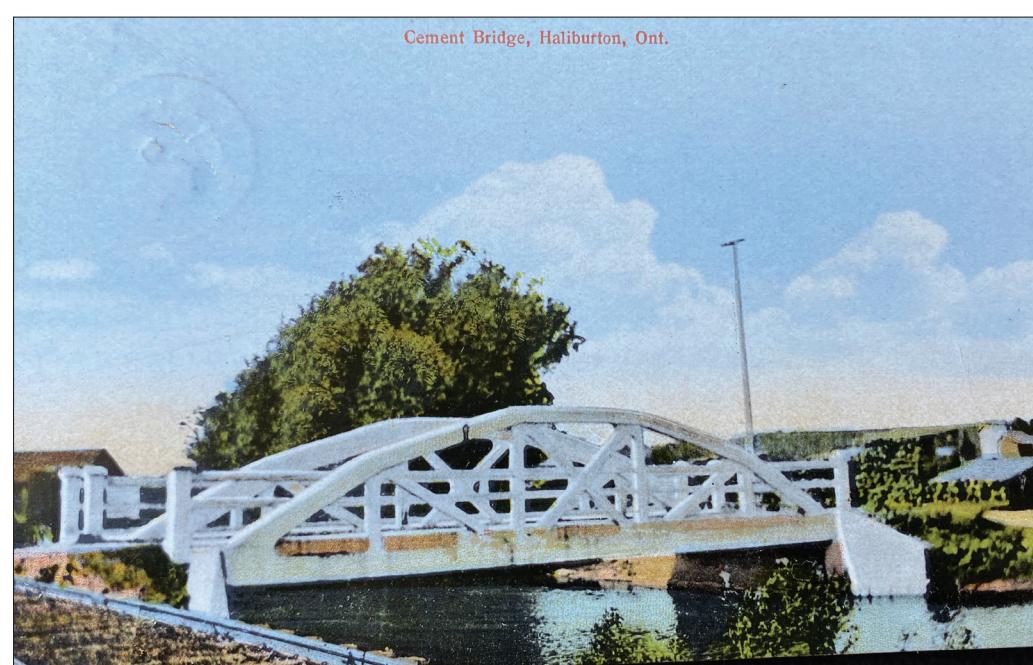
Just know that I am continuing to investigate – and if I disappear or write a retraction about it in next week's paper – well, they got to me.

Yes, the truth is out there. I'm just not sure we will ever be privy to it.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

An early 1900s shot of 'Cement Bridge' in Haliburton, located on what is now Maple Ave./Photo submitted by Doreen Rae.

letters to the editor

A thank you to my community

To the Editor,

On Thursday, June 17 my 14-year-old dog Asker walked into traffic on Hwy. 503 west of Gooderham and was killed.

I find it almost impossible to find the words to thank so many passerbys and neighbours who

came to my assistance.

I can only offer my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your help and kindness.
God bless each and everyone of you!

Chuck Viner

Time to move on?

To the Editor,

So, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott has been unceremoniously dropped from the Ontario Cabinet, and her brief period in the sun is over.

Did Doug Ford view her as a failure - even in the distinctly talent-challenged Cabinet he leads? Or is he so confident our riding will elect Conserv-

atives for the rest of time that he can dump Ms. Scott and get away with it?

Either way, it's time for our perennial MPP to take a hint and move on. Maybe it's also time for electors hereabouts to stop trooping to the polls for a party that takes their votes for granted.

Kirk Makin
Koshlong Lake

COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by County							
County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	1	0	122	120	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	10	0	1,082	1,028	46	44	13
Northumberland	10	0	943	916	32	17	0
Total	21	0	2,147	2,064	81	62	13

One case in Haliburton County

One current case of COVID-19 is unresolved in Haliburton County, with no new cases being added in the health unit's report on June 21. That same day one new case was reported in City of Kawartha Lakes and five new cases were reported in Northumberland County. /Screenshot from HKPRDHU website



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Haliburton's only Grey Cup champion looks back on humble beginnings

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Mike Bradley was always the underdog.

That may be hard to believe given he, arguably, holds claim to being Haliburton's most successful athlete, after racking up 100 games over six seasons with the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos (now the Edmonton Elks) and winning two Grey Cups, but Bradley's football career was borne out of humble beginnings.

Speaking to the *Echo* last week, the retired CFLer, who was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame, remembers his first dalliance with a sport he grew to love.

"My first memory of football would be back at [Haliburton Highlands Secondary School], when they put out an announcement for anyone interested in playing football, telling them to head down [to the gym] and get some equipment. I remember I was passed over, I didn't even get any equipment for that first week of practice," Bradley chuckled.

A lesser person may have folded and quit. As an undersized freshman, Bradley was assigned to the high school's 'burger team,' scrimmaging with other rookies. But for all that Bradley gave up in size and strength at the time, he more than made up for with heart. He quickly became a fixture on the team, impressing coaches Gary Brohman, Paul Morissette, Tim Davies and Derek Little.

Following a successful first year, and in the summer between his Grade 9 and Grade 10 years, Bradley had a bit of a growth spurt. He spent considerable time in the gym training, aiming to become faster and stronger to help with his football aspirations. He returned to school that fall almost unrecognizable from the kid who was barely given a chance 12 months prior.

Through five years of high school football, Bradley set several records – both in football and track and field. In one game in 1995, he set records that will likely never be



Haliburton's Mike Bradley, who won two Grey Cups in six seasons with the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos, is part of the inaugural class of the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame. /Submitted photo

eclipsed, racking up 379 rushing yards and a 110 yard punt return. On the track, Bradley set a school record that still stands today, running the 100 metres in 10.84 seconds. In 1997, his victory lap year, he was recognized as HHSS Athlete of the Year.

By then, Bradley had already signed on to play football with the University of Waterloo. While he had several offers on the table, Bradley picked Waterloo after researching their criminology program. The plan, at the time, was to complete his degree and go on to law school.

Moving away from home for the first time, coupled with the pressures of juggling both an athletic and academic schedule was a shock to the system.

"I was on the field at Waterloo seven days a week, we had film study prior to practice, and then we also have to try to manage some time to get into the gym as well, to see the physio. But the number one priority was always your classes, because if you're not passing then you're not playing," Bradley recalls.

By this point, Bradley thought he had established himself at both ends of the football field – as a running back on the attacking end and as a free safety on defense at HHSS. When he first hit the field at Waterloo, however, he found himself on the outside looking in yet again.

"I don't think they really knew what to do with me [in my first year at Waterloo]... It was a big step up for sure. The best way I can describe it is everybody that was a star on their high school football team was eligible to move on to play at university. In high school, when I played the Lindsay and Peterborough schools there was maybe one or two standout players on the field, but when you get to university every player on the field is a standout player," Bradley said. "Everybody is that much faster, that much stronger, that much bigger and has much more understanding of the game."

Similar to his time in Haliburton, Bradley was a member of the team, but didn't quite excel until year two. In his second year with the Warriors, Bradley won the starting tailback position and made second team All-Canadian. It was during this spell that professional teams started sniffing around.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders were the first to register an interest. More followed. That only pushed Bradley on to further improve his game.

In his third year with Waterloo, Bradley rushed for 1,162 yards, earning him the league MVP award. Bradley was also recognized as a finalist for the Hec Crighton Trophy, awarded annually to the top university football player in Canada.

Going into his senior year, Bradley appeared to be a lock to be a top pick in the 2002 CFL Draft. He then picked up an injury that saw him miss almost the entire season, falling off the radar of pro teams and going undrafted.

Then, the day after the draft, he got a call.

"Getting hurt in my draft year hurt my stock big time. I went from having lots of teams interested to not being drafted. Then I got the call from the Eskimos and at that point I was happy to sign any sort of contract, so there really wasn't much of a discussion. It was 'do I want to go and play for the Eskimos?' and the answer was absolutely yes," Bradley said.

The step-up to the pro game was unbelievable, Bradley remembers.

"I was used to, when you start practicing for the first time in high school or university, everything being slowed down, kinda giving people the chance to learn the system, but when I went to Edmonton they had sent me a playbook prior to arriving. I was expected to know everything in that book on my first day, and be ready to practice at full speed from day one," Bradley said.

Having made his name at Waterloo as a running back, he was given the chance to play the position during his first training camp. He would lock the position down for the next six years, making 100 appearances, including three in Grey Cup championship games. He was on the winning side in two of them – in 2003 and 2005. He cites bringing the Grey Cup home to Haliburton to celebrate with his friends and family, not once but twice, as, perhaps, his crowning achievement.

When he called time on his career in 2007, he did so with no regrets. Instead he revelled in the memories – a Labour Day classic between the Eskimos and rivals the Calgary Stampeders, on a day when 66,000 people crammed themselves into Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, and Bradley could feel the ground reverberate beneath him as fans cheered his team on.

And then there's his first game as a professional back in Ontario, when the Eskimos took on the Toronto Argonauts at Rogers Centre (then the Skydome) in 2002.

"The support that day was incredible. It was a little overwhelming to me how many people from Haliburton made the trip to watch that game. That's something I will never, ever forget," Bradley said.

Now, almost 15 years retired, Bradley spends his days as a police officer with Durham Regional Police. He lives in Oshawa with his wife, Kim, and two children, Hannah and Macey.

When he first got word that Scotty LaRue was working on putting together a Sports Hall of Fame in Haliburton, Bradley thought of the likes of Bernie Nicholls and Ron Stackhouse, true NHL greats who enjoyed long and successful careers. Such is the modesty of the man, he never once considered that he would find his name immortalized up there too.

"It's just such an honour to be recognized. There are so many good athletes to come out of our community. When I saw some of the names that were inducted, to be included next to the Bernie Nicholls and Ron Stackhouses of the world is pretty surreal," Bradley said. "I'm just a kid from Haliburton who worked hard and happened to make a decent go of playing football."

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Much variety in 2021 class of Haliburton Downtown Sculpture Exhibition

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Following a bit of an extended break the popular Haliburton Downtown Sculpture Exhibition returned to Highland St. last week.

A joint venture by the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and the Haliburton BIA, the exhibition showcases unique pieces of art in select places along the downtown core during the busy summer months. Launched in 2018, the initiative has been "extremely well received" by local residents and visitors alike in recent years, says Jim Blake, curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and one of the leaders behind the downtown sculpture exhibition project.

Having been forced to abandon last year's event due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Blake was pleased to hit the streets on Thursday, June 17 as he presented the 2021 lineup.

Six sculptures were selected to be a part of this year's exhibition.

"It's certainly exciting to be back again after a year off," Blake said. "We were able to put out our call to artists earlier in the year, and that goes out to artists all across the province. In total, we received 29 entries. Then our jury, made up of members of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest board of directors and representatives from the BIA, whittled it down to our six finalists."

Blake explained the kind of things jury members would look out for when making their final decision.

"We have a number of criteria that we make evident to artists. Their pieces need to be able to work as a sculpture on the main street, and we generally know



Jim Blake (right), curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and one of the leaders behind the Haliburton Downtown Sculpture Exhibition, assists artist Robert Wehkamp with the installation of his piece 'Black Reflection' beside downtown store Capturing Eden. / MIKE BAKER staff

which types of sculptures will work in different places, so we have that in mind," Blake said. "We look for a variety of works, artists from different areas, but also looking at the aesthetics and considering things we think people will find interesting."

This year's selection of sculptures includes 'Art of Noise', a steel sculpture created by Mark Puigmarti that is stationed outside BMO and is valued at

\$3,500. Don Frost's 'Depth' is made out of fibreglass carbon fibre and can be found on the corner of Highland St. and Maple Ave. in front of Rexall. That particular piece is also valued at \$3,500.

'Take Flight', a glass and stainless steel piece created by Jennifer Kelly, is valued at \$1,800 and is housed in front of Wind in the Willows on Highland St. Stationed outside of Glecoff's Family Story is Eric Tardiff's aluminum creation 'Parallel Composition', valued at \$2,800. 'Black Reflection', carved out of hardwood and painted by Robert Wehkamp, is located beside Capturing Eden and valued at \$3,800.

The final piece, 'Athena' by Brett Davis, is stationed at the corner of Highland St. and York St., overlooking Head Lake. The bronze statue is for sale, but has no listed value. Anyone interested in purchasing is encouraged to contact the artist at davis@ageofbronze.ca.

The Echo was on hand for the unveiling of Tardiff's 'Parallel Composition'. He said the piece took him around 15 hours to complete and captures his love for abstract art.

"I'm really inspired by abstract paintings and art, and a lot of my pieces are representative of that," Tardiff said. "I'm very glad and pleased to be selected to be part of this year's exhibition. I hope people take joy and maybe even inspiration from my piece."

Blake noted such was the quality of this year's submissions that the jury "could easily" have selected an additional six pieces to be featured.

With COVID-19 restrictions loosened earlier this month, Highland St. was busier than it has been in quite some time on the day of the unveiling. Many passers-by took a moment to admire the sculptures as they were being installed.

"The reaction is usually very positive. If you were just hanging around on the street [on Thursday], you could see the people stopping and asking questions, looking at the sculptures and curious about them," Blake said. "This year's selection seem to have been very well received."

The Haliburton Downtown Sculpture Exhibition will run until Oct. 26.

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New HHSS J.E.D.I. program aims to create 'community of allies'

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people with coloured skin were involved then perhaps this injustice could have been avoided."

When HHSS staff and students moved to online learning as a result of pandemic lockdowns in the province, challenges associated with the virtual setting made implementing the modules more difficult – engagement was lower than the staff had hoped, with about half of the students participating on a regular basis, but those who did participate offered positive feedback on the learning and opportunity.

The benefits of the program are essential.

"We hope to create a community of allies," said Mills. "Students who aren't afraid to stand up for others or themselves if they see injustices happening. Students who are knowledgeable about world issues and societal norms. Students who feel comfortable to be themselves because they have the support of others around them. Students who can leave our school and feel comfortable having conversations about global issues because they have the background knowledge. There are so many things we hope will come of our journey we have just started."

Feedback about the program was "overwhelmingly positive for the most part," said Mills, with families, teachers and students responding to a questionnaire noting the program helped students feel more comfortable having discussions and asking questions about "things we don't know about and should," appreciate "how we were all able to learn a lot and be more conscious about what is going on around us," and learn "about all of the different parts of our identity and what makes us who we are." Parents said the program created discussion around the dinner table that provoked deeper thinking, and that the students were better able to understand themselves and "what they need and want to feel a sense of belonging and connection to others."

Not all of the feedback was positive, said Mills, and that was important to hear, too. Some parents asked questions about the program and why it was being offered, though Mills said once it was explained further the families were "receptive and appreciative."

"Some people mentioned that this type of knowledge was not needed because we live in a small town, especially for the students who are not leaving," said Mills. "Our response is such that students from every abil-

ity level, career path, and background can benefit from knowing more about the world around us, including inclusion and equity topics. Even though our 'small town' might look homogeneous it is not. Just because people can't 'see' differences all around them doesn't mean they aren't there. People come from all different backgrounds, economic status, identities, gender, race, religions, Indigenous cultures, and so much more. If we don't learn about differences and become knowledgeable, global citizens then we could perpetuate stereotypes, bias and discrimination without realizing it. The more knowledge you can take in, the more informed your decisions and views can be. If topics make you uncomfortable, then let's be OK with discomfort and decide that maybe we need to learn more about it so that it doesn't make us uncomfortable."

Mills said some feedback suggested the learning was "political," and that students could do their own research on it if they wanted to know more. She said the program was about knowing more, and that rather than forcing opinions, educators were helping to increase awareness.

"I keep coming back to the quote from Maya Angelou - 'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.' Our job as educators is to push everyone's thinking, so that's what we do. Provide opportunities for students to learn, and they can do with

that knowledge however they decide."

"Many of our students, families and staff recognize the importance of this learning journey," she said. "However we won't ignore any of the criticism or negativity that came about - it tells us that we have more work to do and a long way to go. We will use the momentum that these J.E.D.I. modules created to continue to educate, adapt and make our school a more positive inclusive place for everyone."

Students who participated in the program can receive an 'ally T-shirt,' designed by Jocelyn Chumbley and April Kovacs with help from students enrolled in art courses. The logo for the certificate of completion that students receive was designed by student Colleen Petric.

"We were pleased with the outcome so far, however we know that we still have lots of work to do," said Mills. "This is just the start of our journey. We are grateful for the teachers who facilitated and the students who participated online in this J.E.D.I. journey in this unprecedented time."

Feedback from students and staff on how the program might be improved will be considered and acted on.

"This will help us move forward and develop more opportunities for students, staff and our communities to become more aware, knowledgeable and stronger allies," said Mills.



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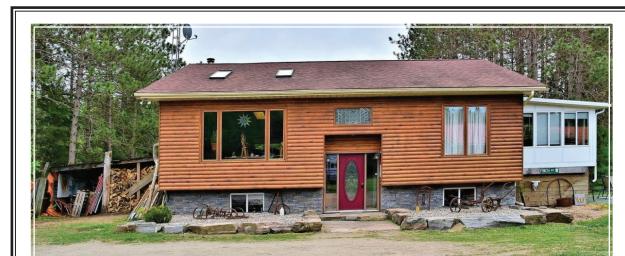
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Health unit excited for 'most vaccine we've had in the region to-date'

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Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually June 16.

This week, people with appointments booked at mass immunization clinics in the HKPR region will be offered Moderna vaccine unless between the ages of 12 and 17.

Last week it was announced an influx of millions of doses of Moderna vaccine would arrive in Canada, with a large proportion of that shipment being distributed in Ontario. While Pfizer had offered the most stable source of vaccine supply, with up to 9,300 vaccines available locally, on June 21 the health unit said a delay in Pfizer vaccine shipments would result in all appointments at HKPR mass immunization clinics, including the pop-up clinic at the Haliburton Legion, being offered Moderna vaccine. Those aged 12 to 17 will still receive the Pfizer vaccine, it being the only vaccine currently approved for that age group.

Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines can be interchanged for first and second doses, according to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) guidance.

At the June 16 meeting, Dr. Natalie Bocking, HKPR medical officer of health, said over the next three weeks, more vaccination appointments would be available as a result of the additional Moderna vaccines.

"The next two to three weeks are going to see the most vaccine we have had in the region to date, which I think is quite exciting," said Bocking.

Mass clinics in the area have had 'excellent uptake,' said Bocking, with four clinics posted the day before being full within 24 hours, but she encouraged people who might be frustrated with a lack of appointments available through the provincial booking system to also consider receiving a vaccine at pharmacies in the region, with primary care providers or to check back on possible added clinic dates.

Coke or Pepsi, Moderna or Pfizer, take what you can get

Bocking noted that for some people booking a second appointment, they might have received Pfizer for their first vaccination but might be offered Moderna as their second vaccination, and said that in trying to achieve the highest vaccination coverage as possible with both first and second doses, she'd encourage people to get that shot.

"I'd really encourage individuals to take that appointment," said Bocking. "If Moderna is being offered at an earlier date, we know that the vaccines are approved for interchangeability."

Bocking noted vaccine selection is being compared right now to "whether it's Pepsi or Coke," and said typically when people arrive at a doctor's office for other vaccinations, they don't ask about brand name – what is important is that it's the same mechanism to fight the virus.

The interval between first and second dose shots of AstraZeneca has been reduced to eight weeks from 12 weeks.

"Because we know there continue to be new variants that are circulating, such as the Delta variant, that there's really a sense of urgency around getting second doses sooner rather than later," said Bocking.

Double vaccinations

"The current guidance from both the federal and provincial government is that if you have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, that you still practice all of the same public health measures that you were before, including masking, distancing, limiting indoor gatherings, having very small outdoor gatherings according to what step we're in in the re-opening plan," said Bocking. The Public Health Agency of Canada as well as the Province of Ontario are looking at more specific guidance for public health measures being eased once there is a higher coverage of second doses in the population, she said.

"We will see that eventually start to ease, but we have a little ways to go until a much higher portion of the pop-

ulation has received two doses of vaccine, so you know, fingers crossed by the end of the summer we'll be seeing that change but until then we have lots to look forward to."

As of June 16, 121,575 residents of HKPR district had received their first dose of vaccine. To date, 70.9 per cent of individuals 12 and over had received their first dose and 12.2 per cent of individuals had received their second dose. Of those in the 18-and-over group, 72.9 per cent had received their first dose and 12.9 per cent had received two doses. More than 83 per cent of those 60-and-over had received one dose.

Bocking said that with more vaccine coming to the area and expanded eligibility opening up for second doses, those numbers would increase, "with the ultimate goal really of having the highest proportion of the population having received two doses of vaccine, as possible."

Delta variant identified in HKPR district

A "handful of cases," had been confirmed to be the Delta variant, or B.1.617.2 strain first identified in India, Bocking said, in cases in Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"Some of these have been linked to a contact outside of HKPR jurisdiction, so whether it was an exposure if they were present in another area that had more Delta variants, but we have had a handful of the Delta variants."

It has been projected province-wide that the Delta variant will become the dominant strain.

"I think the key piece that we're trying to prevent is that strain from resulting in a large number of cases, and hospitalizations, and deaths," said Bocking. "With the Alpha variant, we didn't have vaccines available then, with the Delta variant, we do. I think we're quite hopeful we'll be able to prevent it from having the same impacts that the Alpha variant did."

Since April 1, approximately 70 per cent of cases across the HKPR region have been identified as a variant of concern, largely the Alpha – or B.1.1.7, or variant first identified in the U.K.



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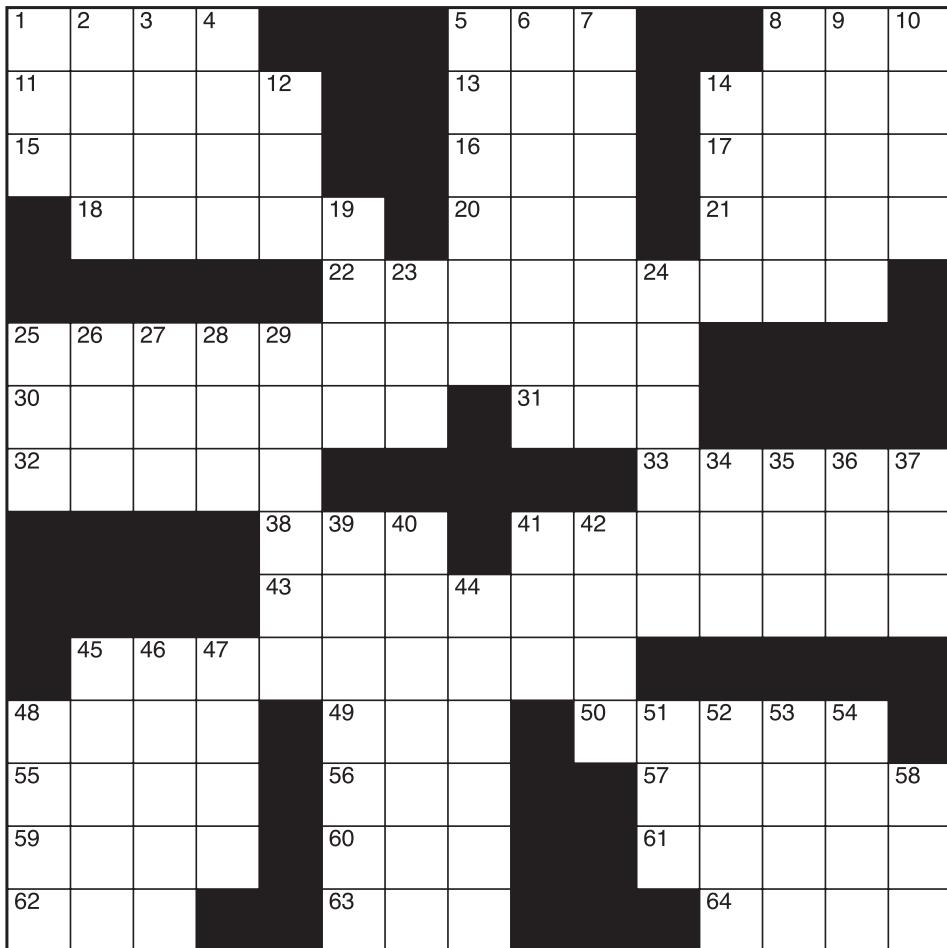
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1. Language group with Iranian influence
5. No seats available
8. Health insurance organization
11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
13. Defunct European economic organization
14. Dutch word for "language"
15. Hard to penetrate
16. When you'll get there
17. Iranian city
18. Small fishes
20. Dry white wine drink
21. Turkish city
22. U.S.-born people
25. Synthetic resin
30. Major nerve in human body
31. Type of recording
32. Small drum
33. Alters
38. General's assistant (abbr.)
41. Venezuelan capital
43. Free of deceit
45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation
48. Competition
49. Launch an attack on
50. Cavalry sword
55. Spiritual leader
56. One point east of due south
57. Afflicted
59. Database management system
60. Snakelike fish
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Small drink
63. Not wet
64. Impudence

3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
4. Thin, compact object
5. One attempting to find something
6. No longer working
7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
8. Book of Genesis character
9. Volcanic craters
10. Brand of American automobile (slang)
12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe __
14. Bangladeshi monetary unit
19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
23. Family of genes
24. Et __: indicates further
25. Pacific Standard Time
26. S. American wood sorrel
27. Women's __ movement
28. Chinese hoopster Ming
29. Layers of rock
34. Patriotic women's group
35. Solid water
36. Shade of brown
37. Very fast airplane
39. Put clothes on
40. Quality of one's character
41. Time zone
42. Primates
44. Pleasantly
45. Metrical feet
46. Rogue
47. German river
48. Relieves from
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Those who resist authority
58. Criticize

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CLUES DOWN

1. Father
2. Performed perfectly

Scott 'absolutely' intends to run in 2022 election, despite being relegated to the back benches

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rural municipalities, Scott said it was one of the first issues she spoke to on the floor of Queen's Park in 2003.

As infrastructure minister, Scott said she was proud of the billions of dollars in provincial funding that have been allotted for improving connectivity to high-speed, broadband internet, particularly in rural communities. Improved connectivity for rural communities has been the number one issue she's heard about from constituents during nearly 18 years in office, she said.

Scott is the nominated Progressive Conservative candidate for the riding for the 2022 election, and said she "absolutely" still intends to run again.

Scott defends use of notwithstanding clause

Scott is defending the Ford government's controversial use of the notwithstanding clause last week, overturning a judge's decision and limiting election ad spending by third parties a year from the next provincial election.

The notwithstanding clause allows governments to override portions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms for a period of five years, and is rarely used. The Ford government's Bill 307, which had been struck down by a judge as unconstitutional earlier in June, doubles the restricted pre-election spending period for third party advertisements

a year before the next election, which will take place in June of 2022. Critics say it's the government's attempt to silence critics such as teachers' unions.

After a weekend of debate, the bill was passed in Queen's Park on Monday, June 14, 63 votes to 47. It was the first time in Ontario's history the notwithstanding clause has been used.

"It certainly has been used by other provinces," Scott said, adding she believed election results should be determined by voters and not third parties through the use of advertising campaigns. "I firmly believe that the voters of Ontario are the ones who should decide the outcome of the election."

She referenced the unbridled spending that is permitted to take place by so-called super PACs (political action committees) in American elections, and said she didn't want to see the province heading in that direction. Scott reiterated that political parties themselves are subject to regulated spending limits.

"We have limits and we can't overspend on those limits," Scott said. "We are heavily regulated."

She was asked if she thought it was appropriate for the decision of a judge to be overridden by a government.

"It's a legitimate constitutional power that we have, that all provinces have," she said, adding the clause has been used by various parties, and in various provinces. The notwithstanding clause has been most frequently used by the Quebec government.

Congratulations to a recent graduate, and our sports stars

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Congratulations to Danika, daughter of Perry and Kay Morrison who graduated in June 2021 with a B.A. in Global Development. Like many another graduates Danika manage the concurring courses from home via the communication online. Good work, and may successful courses bring further accomplishments.

Sadly, another good-bye is being said. A long time (retired) resident who had been born on the Irish Line and whose later years were spent at his Grass Lake residence, Grenville Griffin, recently passed away. He enjoyed many friendships with family ties, at Masonic Lodge and those developed through the sports he loved. Our sympathy goes out to his son, Ed, of Kingston and to the many whose lives he touched in his world of sports.

Congratulations also, if belatedly, on local sports people who, thanks to Scotty LaRue have won recognition in the local Hall of Fame: Taly Williams of football fame now living in California, his sister Lesley Tashlin who attained Olympian status at hurdles, and of course our two Guilford hockey stars, Bernie Nicholls and Ron Stackhouse. The community salutes you for your achievements well deserved.



Bev Jackson celebrated as she turns the page on Mother Goose

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Bev Jackson is a human library of hundreds of different rhymes and songs for babies, toddlers and young children.

"When I was a little girl my mom used to sing a lullaby to me and I always sang it to my daughter," said Jackson of her most favourite of those songs - one about a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. "It just evokes such strong memories, and even now if I start to sing it, she'll say to me, 'oh, that gives me goosebumps just sort of listening to that.'"

For more than 20 years, Jackson has stressed the importance of that connection between children and parents while supporting families throughout Haliburton County and City of Kawartha Lakes as an early literacy educator, parent education facilitator and community outreach co-ordinator – so much so that to many of those families and her colleagues, she is affectionately known as 'Mother Goose.'

"Who doesn't love to be in a room full of babies?" she laughed of her interest in such a role. "Just being able to share with parents the real power that songs and rhymes can give to children, the memories you can make with your child. There's so many ways of dealing with different situations with children when you know rhymes and songs you can share with them. You can be fussy in the doctor's office or grocery store, and do a familiar rhyme or song with your child and completely calm them down. It's just, music is so powerful."

Jackson worked in administration at the Minden OPP office for 16 years, until it was "downsized in those Mike Harris days," she said. At the time, SIRCH was offering a one-year-long program training people to work with children with disabilities. After completing that program, the family resource program then known as CHACE was looking for a parent education facilitator, a role that Jackson happily stepped into.

"I've always loved children, always enjoyed children, so I was very interested in doing that," she said. "I've always gravitated toward kids and enjoyed them."

When funding for the program changed, CHACE amalgamated with the Lindsay Family Resource Program and became Ontario Early Years. Jackson continued to work in parent education but also took on a position as an early literacy specialist for 12 years. Funding changed again a few years back at which point Ontario Early Years became EarlyON. The early literacy position was no longer funded and Jackson became the community outreach co-ordinator.

Over the years she's travelled throughout Haliburton County offering drop-in and play and learn programs to small communities including Kinmount, Cardiff and Dorset. She created early literacy and numeracy resources and programs – including story walks – that are still in use today and can be used for years to come. She was also a trainer for School's Cool facilitators for years. The impact of her work has touched families in every corner of the county and over the years, Jackson has met, worked with and shared songs with countless parents and kids.

"Parents always want the best for their children," she said. "Parents love their children, and want to do the best for them, and I think that's why they access programs like the EarlyON/Early Years program, they want to do the best for their little one."

Jackson has been able to help instil confidence in parents as they learn and grow with their children.

"I think it's really important for parents to know that they're doing the best job that they can do, and they need



Bev Jackson, or Haliburton County's own "Mother Goose," is retiring after teaching early literacy and sharing a love for songs and poems with kids and parents in the area for more than 22 years. /Submitted photo

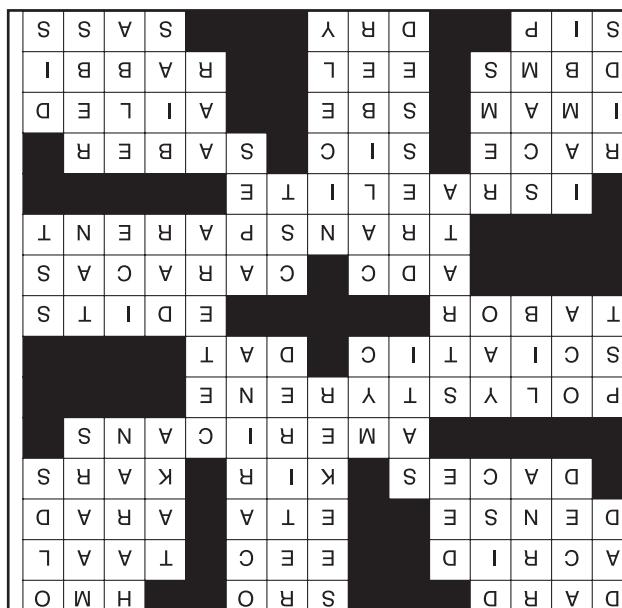
to recognize that they are doing their best for their children - that they love them, and they're doing the best for them," she said. "Lots of times parents will be anxious about different subjects, but parents know their children better than anybody else."

Jackson said on so many occasions she would tell worried parents that they had to trust themselves and "that voice that you have inside," to help support their children through challenges they might have or in determining what they might need.

"Nine times out of ten they do know," she said. "It's just giving them the confidence and them having the confidence to know - 'I know my own child and I know what they need.' Most parents really do know that."

During the pandemic, Jackson has been able to connect even with kids as far away as California – her nephews who she hasn't seen in the last 18 months.

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"The oldest one, he's not three until August but we've been doing FaceTime, and I have taught him many hand rhymes and finger plays, we sing songs," she said. "So I'm making memories with him and getting to know him and he's getting to know me just through that realm of being able to share some music and stories. It's extremely powerful. And reading, of course, too."

Jackson was laid off in August as a result of the pandemic, and without knowing what the future might hold in terms of funding, decided the time was right for retirement. Those songs and rhymes and the connection she has made with kids and parents over the past two decades will remain with her, though.

"It's really nice, I feel good that all those years I was able to share that with different families," she said. "Even having this retirement announcement come up, I've had lots of parents who have come to Mother Goose who have reached out, congratulating me on retiring and also sending pictures of how their kids look now. It's created memories for the parents as well. It's special, it is special, for sure."

Jackson hopes to spend more time gardening – she hasn't had time in the past – and enjoying the lake as an avid swimmer. She also hopes to have the opportunity to volunteer, potentially in roles that help her connect with families in the community again, but also hopes those families continue to connect and reach out to each other at drop-in programs when they can do so again.

"I loved it, I really did," she said. "I'm going to miss it. I'm definitely going to be missing the families. I already miss the families and children that were there when COVID hit, having to close our doors. Hopefully when things open up again, families will be able to connect so much easier. It's so beneficial for parents."

To send Bev best wishes or share a memory, please e-mail Catherine at admin@oeyc.ca. For more information about the EarlyON Child and Family Centre visit <http://www.oeyc.ca>.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 29th, 2021

4:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda to Include Auditor's Report, Election of Directors, Appointment of Auditor.

Due to the limitations on public gatherings mandated by the government of Ontario as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, this AGM will be held as a virtual meeting via ZOOM. In order to participate, members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation which will provide information on how to participate.

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Provincial inter-library loan resumes

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items from a June 9 meeting of the Haliburton County Public Library board.

The Haliburton County Public Library has resumed the provincial inter-library loan service, which allows Haliburton County residents to request and have delivered materials from outside the HCPL's collection, after nearly two years of being suspended.

As reported in the *Echo* in 2019, that spring's provincial budget included a 50

per cent funding reduction to the Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) which operated the inter-library loan program and which ceased the service immediately in mid-April that year.

The inter-library loan system allowed the Haliburton County Public Library, which has a relatively small collection, to supply patrons with materials from outside of the county - those materials brought to local branches by van. The cancellation of the service led to widespread public outcry among library users throughout the province.

"This meant that instead of the SOLS courier delivering and picking up two times a week, we needed to implement a process and budget to use our own staff and Canada Post for package delivery and pick up," said Anna Babluk, acting HCPL CEO, in a report to the board.

The service had resumed in March 2020, but soon after the pandemic - and the first provincial lockdown - began. It has remained suspended due to staffing and pandemic restrictions but was restarted at the beginning of June.

"The service is being offered on a smaller scale than it had been when the SOLS courier was running," reads the report. "With HCPL absorbing the postal cost and the extra staff time, there have been some limits put in place for both borrowing and lending. Once the process has been up and running for a few months, the limits may be adjusted as we see the impact on staff time and the budget."

Library card registrations

Since March 2020 when the HCPL's online library card registration opened,

385 new cardholders have become library patrons.

Libraries remain closed but still offering programs and materials

Curbside pickup remains an option at most HCPL branches.

"Under Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen, the soonest library branches could reopen is July 5, but as that date is subject to change, no plans to reopen have been made yet," reads Babluk's report.

Virtual programs including Maker Breaks, Storytime with Robster and Lobster in the Reading Lagoon, Tech Time, Minden and Wilberforce library book clubs and Algonquin Highlands Writers Group are available online free of charge, while Grab and Go craft and seed library kits and Maker Kits are available via curbside pickup.

The TD Summer Reading Club opened online June 15 at tdsummerreadingclub.ca and an Ontario Park passes program began mid-June. Visit haliburtonlibrary.ca for more information.

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AND FURTHER THAT An electronic meeting will be held July 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to consider these applications.

AND FURTHER THAT this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

The media and the general public can view the Land Division Committee meeting webcast via the County of Haliburton YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/uHS69N9yZzU>

AND FURTHER THAT these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-020/21
Applicant: Gordon and Dianne Burley
Location of the Property: Lot 29, Plan 370, Geographic Township of Havelock, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: Easement

Additional information regarding the above applications is available for public inspection electronically by request during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22 day of June, 2021.

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on July 8, 2021, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEgdeGoqTouHtHU0iVBto0WudCOBPuF8V>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 26200 0000; 18 South St., Haliburton; PIN 39182-0042(R); Part Lot 17, Concession 7, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, now United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eye and Clyde, designated as Parts 1,2,3,4 & 7 Plan 19R-6764. Subject to a Right-of-Way over, along and upon that part of Lot Number 17 Concession 7 designated as Parts 2 & 4 Plan 19R-6764. Together with a Right-of-Way over, along and upon that part of Lot Number 17 Concession 7 designated as Parts 5 & 6 Plan 19R-6764, in the Registry Division of the County of Haliburton. Land Registry Office No. 19; File No. 18-11

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$103,000

Minimum tender amount: \$16,193.45

2. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 28600 0000; Fred Jones Road, Haliburton; PIN 39182-0076 (LT); PT LT 19 CON 7 DYSART AS IN DY4389 BTN DRAG RIVER, DOVER SPRING RD & H148755; DYSART ET AL; File No. 18-30

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$27,500

Minimum tender amount: \$5,535.91

3. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 13100 0000; Guilford, Ontario; PIN 39146-0130 (LT); LT 38 PL 580; DYSART ET AL; File No. 18-34

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$19,800

Minimum tender amount: \$5,464.53

4. Roll No. 46 24 061 000 29600 0000; On Dennison Island in Kawagama Lake; PIN 39113-0134 (LT); PT LT 2 CON 14 HAVELOCK AS IN H70873; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-05

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$396,000

Minimum tender amount: \$22,942.40

5. Roll No. 46 24 030 000 03801 0000; Harcourt, Ont; PIN 39159-0275 (LT); PT LT 4 CON 1 HARcourt AS IN HR662 N OF H134516 & PT 1 19R3946 & S OF H131882; S/T HR662; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-12

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$23,000

Minimum tender amount: \$5,043.74

6. Roll No. 46 24 050 000 72300 0000; Johnson Bay Rd., Haliburton; PIN 39284-0170 (LT); LT 147 PL 524; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-29

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$189,000

Minimum tender amount: \$9,786.11

7. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 20300 0000; Guilford, Ontario; PIN 39146-0134 (LT); LT 108 PL 581; S/T EXECUTION 95-0000273, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 99-0000132, IF ENFORCEABLE; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-34

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$19,600

Minimum tender amount: \$4,995.56

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, availability of road access or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

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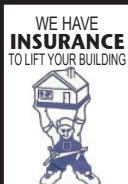
A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

Rachael Velkovski
Tax Collector
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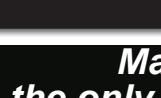
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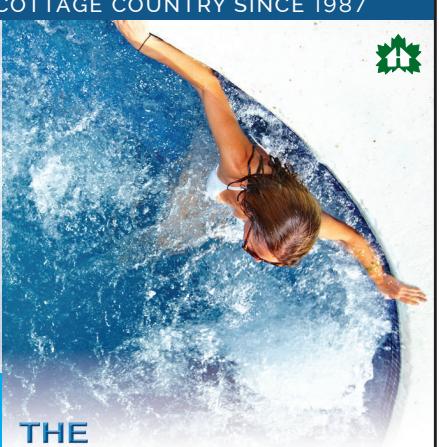
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- Completion of PSW program within 3 years of date of hire
- Experience in working with the acutely ill, chronically ill and/or palliative clients preferred
- Understanding of MDS RAI an asset
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- Personal care skills
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Job Types: Part-time, Casual

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- Excellent recording and reporting skills
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Interested applicants may submit their resume and cover letter to Laura Casey at lcasey@dysartetal.ca, and indicate **Procurement and Grants Coordinator** as the subject. Applications must be submitted via email and may be accepted until 4:30 pm on Friday July 9, 2021.

We thank all of those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Accommodations for applicants with disabilities will be provided upon request. The Municipality of Dysart et al is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.



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To my wife with whom I shared 72 wonderful years. To our mother, who was our best advocate. To our Nana who loved us all. May God bless you and keep you safe as you start on your next journey.

Stephanie May Bradbury, 91 years young, passed away on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, surrounded by her family. She lives on through her husband James Vincent; her children Elizabeth (Ronald), Jim (Ligia) and Stephanie (David); her grandchildren Jeremy, Christina, Ryan, Nicole, and Kathryn; and her beloved great grandchildren: Joseph, Madison, Jacob, Logan, James, Anna and Oliver.

May has enjoyed the Minden areas since the early 60's. So much so that she retired here in 1984 and joined many different social activities such as the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, became an officer and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary; founding member of Club 35; and the Minden Curling Club. In recent years, May has enjoyed sewing, knitting, quilting, rug hooking, gardening and euchre.

May was known and loved as Nana and Aunty May. She has lived a wonderful, healthy, active lifestyle and has inspired others to do the same. May was a beacon of patience, love and compassion; and we will honour her legacy by striving to do the same. We love you with all our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 or the Minden Community Food Centre and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0



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Tammy Maxwell

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the age of 59.

Loved mother of Krystal (Jeff), Tiffany (Trevor), Denessa (Tom) and predeceased by Morgan. Loving grandma of Adalynn, Van, Allie, Brynley, Autumn and Cole. Cherished daughter of Donna (Bill), predeceased by her father Arthur (Irene). Dear sister of Carol and Steven.

Tammy was a proud mother and grandma who cherished her family and her friends. She lived life to the fullest, she was caring and nurturing all while putting the needs of others before herself.

Tammy had a love for all animals, in keeping with this memorial donations to the Alliston and District Humane Society would be greatly appreciated.

Visitation will be held at Drury Funeral Centre 519 Victoria St. E. Alliston on Thursday June 24 from 1 – 2 p.m. followed by a private family celebration.



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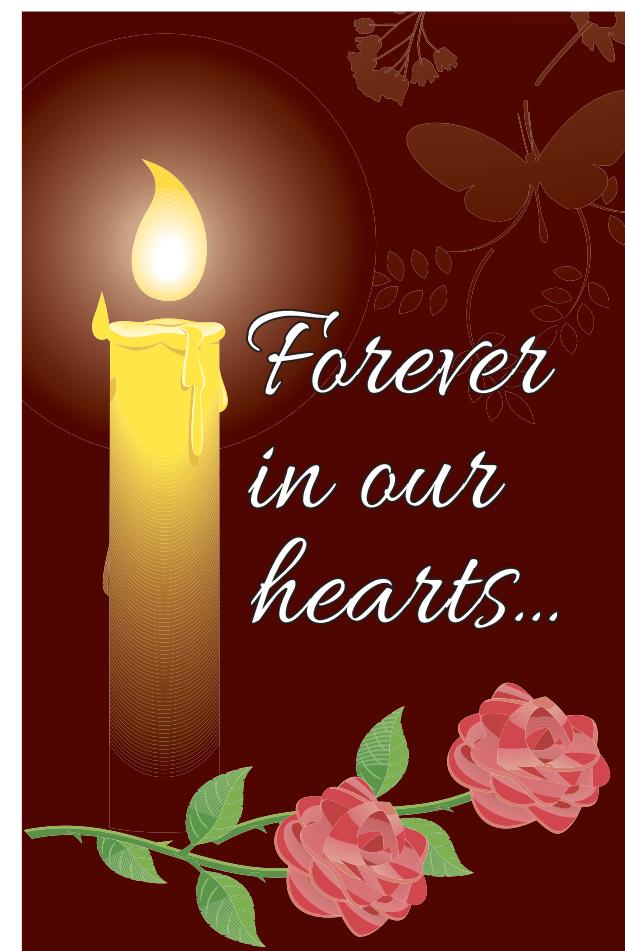
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Architect helps health board set sights on construction

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

After its inaugural year in operation, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation may be wrestling with a \$75,000 deficit, but it has its sights set on the capital project at Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest.

The board's annual general meeting, held on June 26 at Minden's Community Centre, was attended by Millet Salter from Salter and Associates, the Barrie-based architectural firm selected to design both sites.

Salter's firm just finished construction of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, a \$75-million project that was a joint effort with another firm. Salter presented what he called "very preliminary" schematics of the renovations that will accommodate the existing 62 long-term care beds at Hyland Crest, the new emergency department at the site and 30 new long-term care beds at Haliburton Hospital.

"A hospital and a long-term

care facility have real benefits in being joined together, but there also has to be a degree of separation. The residents of the long-term care facilities call these facilities home," Salter said.

He added that privacy, support and security both during renovations and after the work is completed would be ensured for the residents at both locations. Also, the two sites would be left as one tender.

"There are two different approaches, two different sites, two different sets of needs but many commonalities of services, functions and components," he said.

The existing Haliburton site has 10 acute-care beds and will be given three more beds. The upgraded facility with 32 long-term care beds will probably be connected with a common entrance but separated, Salter explained.

Visitors' parking for the hospital and for the long-term care facility may be expanded to the rear, but he said soil conditions

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Voting by mail or phone nixed this time around

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It looks like cottagers will have to vote the old-fashioned way this November — by driving up to the Highlands and casting a vote at their municipality's polling station.

While many municipalities had hoped they could make it easier by allowing voting by mail or phone — or even setting up a polling station in Toronto — it seems there are too many uncertainties to make it feasible

this time around.

"There's no security on these (mail-in) ballots," said Cardiff deputy-reeve Doug Holman at Wednesday's county council meeting. If people received a ballot by mail and decided not to vote, "the possibility exists that people could sell off their ballots and a group could take over a municipality."

What if the ballot is lost in the mail or not delivered on time? Canada Post is responsible for ensuring that ballots are delivered, but people who don't get one will likely complain to their municipal clerks who can do little to resolve the problem.

"We did a lot of research and did not get a lot of satisfactory

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STUBBORN AS A MULE: Eeyore the four-year-old mule wasn't in a hurry to go anywhere very fast, which suited two-year-old Daniel Gardiner just fine. Daniel and his mother Eliza were at Eagle Lake Farms to look at the animals and take a saunter around the barnyard.

Talks begin on amalgamation options

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Municipal clerks have taken out their pencils and erasers to try to figure out the financial repercussions of what would happen if the borders between some municipalities are removed.

County council has asked the clerks to look at the financial impact of three restructuring ideas:

• County government plus three municipalities:

• Lutterworth, Anson, Hindon, Minden, Stanhope,

Sherborne

- Harcourt, Bicroft, Cardiff, Monmouth, Glamorgan
- Dysart et al less Harcourt, and Snowdon

• County plus four municipalities:

- Sherborne, Stanhope
- Anson, Hindon, Minden, Lutterworth, Snowdon
- Dysart et al less Harcourt, Glamorgan

• Harcourt, Monmouth, Cardiff, Bicroft

- County plus three municipalities (alternate):

- Snowdon, Glamorgan, Cardiff, Bicroft, Monmouth

- Lutterworth, Anson, Hindon, Minden, Stanhope, Sherborne
- Dysart et al

"We're here to lead our communities and we can't be blinded by what's happening in the rest of the province," Warden Murray Fearrey said to fellow county councillors last month when he proposed that council at least consider the other restructuring options. "You may not want to do it, but as leaders we should look at them."

Up until now, county council has considered and rejected a

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First time being offered for sale. This turn-key 2-bdrm, 1 bath year-round home or cottage offers a stunning south-west exposure and big lake views. Spacious living room, open concept kitchen and dining area. Double detached garage, woodshed and shed with bay to store your boat. Sand beach area is ideal for the little ones in the family.

IRONDALE RIVER \$689,000



First time being offered for sale! This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. This home was built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, soft close drawers, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The formal dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck. The unfinished lower-level waits your finishing touch to create more space for your family.

GLAMOR LAKE \$598,500



This cute 3 season cottage is situated on the water's edge in a quiet bay on Glamor Lake. Bright open concept kitchen, dining and living room finished with pine walls. This property offers 3 spacious bdrms and a 4pc bath. Plenty of room for the whole family to come and enjoy the beauty of Haliburton County. Many recent upgrades completed, including plumbing, windows, shingles, flooring, appliances and more. Beautiful sand beach with deep waters. Swim out and enjoy your very own small island. Bonus – 6.6 acres of your own land to explore.

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